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My dear Ben John -

How nice, after all these months, to finally hear from you! What happened? Time on your hands, no money, and lonely I'll bet!!! - How well I know! Speaking of money reminds me of that \$20 I owe you. I hope to pay you back next week - Monday - and I'll probably send you a Cashier's Check which can be cashed almost anywhere. - Incidentally that's a better deal than a money order and they are cheaper too. - you can get them at any bank and they can be cashed just by showing your ID card.

So you're in the Army now! Don't worry that you had to go back in Johnnie, but this is a tougher situation and things are mightier rough - from here anyway - Must be the fact that this is a P.O.E. and we see more going in - and hear more from our patients - but it's far from over, believe me. I feel fairly sure that I will be here for at least another 8-10 months - maybe longer. usual tour of duty is 18 months

The weather here has been beautiful - so clear and, usually, warm. I went swimming 3 days last week but it's been a little cool for that this week.

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	In on special duty with this man - he was a Lt. in the Army but his brother is a Captain in the Navy and is assigned to this Hosp. - so I'm working strictly with the Top Brass; oddley enough, they've turned out to be a bunch of "swell guys" - and conscientious doctors. I've enjoyed getting the opportunity to see some of them in situations other than inspection parties! Man, they're rough then! My patient - despite his case - isn't going to make it and I feel so sorry for his wife. They have a 14 yr. old daughter who is just beautiful - looks a lot like Betty. They're from McAllen, Texas. Johnnie, do you think you're going to get home for Xmas? You're not so far that you shouldn't have trouble getting up there if you get the time off - wish I could but we're going full steam ahead for the holidays from all I hear. At any rate, I'll see you around the 8th of January. I think I'll run up here to this Army base and try to get a hop to San Antonio, then after a visit with you - on to Okla City. - Check into the possibilities of a flight out of there toinker Field

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	will you? There should be a few going out occasionally anyway. Some of them are just fair from here. - They might get to San Antonio but it would probably be by way of Montana. I might get a flight from here to Corpus Christie & go commercial to San Antonio, etc. - cuz I'm flat broke!! This patient depresses me Have you heard from Raymond? Someday you'll get a nice letter from him then wonder if he dropped off someplace for a year or so! I know what you can get Mother for Xmas - a pair of rather long gloves (elbow length) in either Black or Navy Blue, Size 7 1/2 - or white - She can use either color - wouldn't mind if you just left me off your list this Xmas - just send me your love and keep your money!! Is there anything special you want? - Doll - I'd better write on his chart for a while - let me hear from you once in a while - Miss you! Loads of love "Baby Doll"